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EDITORIAL.

MAY is a month of Conventions for Southern Clubwomen.

The South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Greenville, S. C., May 5th-7th; the North Carolina Federation in Greensboro, N. C., May 5th-7th, while the Virginia Federation will meet at Bedford City, Va., May 12th-14th. Each federation has arranged an interesting and helpful program and all three in common have the anticipated pleasure of an address from Mrs. Emma Fox, the author of *Parliamentary Usages for Women's Clubs* and a former Vice-President and Recording Secretary of the General Federation. Mrs. Fox will be a most welcomed and helpful visitor and will add much to the program of these Federations. The important feature of the Virginia Federation meeting will be the question of joining the General Federation. North Carolina will have a special attraction in an address on "*Sothern Literature*" by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of North Carolina, while South Carolina will celebrate its tenth annual convention by inaugurating its first Literary Session. Virginia and the Carolinas have a common inheritance and the Women of these States are bound together by ties of blood as well as a common history and a similar environment, and in consequence their problems are very much alike, therefore their club work falls along parallel lines. The departments of Civics, Philanthropy, Education and Literature are receiving especial attention in all three of these federations and each one is faithfully and earnestly bearing its share in the upbuilding of its respective state.

These annual State Conventions of Clubwomen do much to inspire the average woman with an interest in those civic, philanthropic and social reforms with which the American Clubwoman of to-day has allied herself, and such gatherings act as centres from which radiate an enthusiasm and esprit de corps which bind the women of a state, irrespective of all distinctions, with the common tie of womanhood. This appeal to womanliness in a material age is a strong and valuable one and is the keynote of the Club Movement. The Southern woman has always been naturally a social creature and her influence strongest in the development of social arts and the community life, and this influence the Southern Clubwoman in her State Federations is using to-day, to direct the social ideals of her section.

ALL Club thought now turns toward Boston, Massachusetts and the approaching Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in that city, June 22nd-30th. It is estimated that fourteen thousand American Clubwomen will assemble in Boston for this occasion and every effort is being made to arrange accommodations, programs, conferences and pleasures suitable to the varieties of women who will be present at this great club gathering.

Previous Biennials have been sources of great inspiration to the average clubwoman and with past experience

and present opportunity, the Boston Biennial promises to take its place in the series of Biennials in harmony with the general trend of club endeavors.

Those women who are fortunate enough to be able to attend this meeting of representative American women have great opportunities and much responsibility before them. Great opportunity to enjoy the stores of riches spread out before them on those eight days devoted to the consideration of the wide spreading plans of the federated club world; to hear the best authorities express opinions on these plans; to learn of the difficulties met and overcome in club work and to be inspired by the earnest womanliness which will bring its best and do its best for the sake of home and humanity. Great responsibility too, for they must use those opportunities wisely, and appreciating their own needs and those of their own communities, they must select from the multitude of subjects before them certain specific ones for their careful consideration, for no one woman can grasp it all and yet each one should be able to carry back home to her club and her community at least three or four definite messages worth while.

Here is where club loyalty may assert itself. In the strange environment the gregarious spirit of the race will call one to follow the crowd hither and thither; let us bear in mind that we are individual personalities and that when we return home we will find exactly the same environment that we left; let us be faithful to our ideals and traditions; let us know our club's and our community's need and seek out those sessions and conferences where those needs will be discussed and best administered to; let us forget our own personal pleasure in a desire for a general good. Pleasant company will make any session agreeable but it will not make all sessions equally useful to *you*. Moderation will remind many women that physically they cannot do it all, and good judgment should admonish them in the beginning to select those topics which will be most helpful to their special need and to assiduously pursue them to the end. Faithfulness accomplishes much, brilliant dashes cover ground in the beginning, but achievement and results are the reward of steadfastness and moderation.

So, be you a delegate or a visiting clubwoman at the ninth Biennial bear in mind that great opportunity and much responsibility are yours; and acquit yourselves as representing the best type of womanhood that your state can produce.

I inclose my check for \$1.10 to renew my subscription to *THE KEYSTONE* and the *Veteran*. Both are indispensable to us in our work. I enjoy each number very much, especially *THE KEYSTONE*.

ANNA W. DOWDELL.

Recording Secretary General, U. D. C.

Opelika, Ala., Feb. 24, 1908.

Inclosed please find my year's subscription to *THE KEYSTONE*. The pure Southern spirit which prevails in its pages at all times makes me feel that a friend has called when it is on my table.

(Mrs. J. B.) ELLA DANCEY DIBRELL.

President Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

February 4, 1908.

THE KEYSTONE is an interesting journal and I have enjoyed the reading. I enclose \$1.10 for *THE KEYSTONE* and the *Veteran* for one year, beginning in April.

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OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. L. W. Parker, Greenville, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W., Manager.

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(70 Clubs—4,760 Members.)

THE TENTH Annual Convention of the South Carolina Federation will be held in Greenville, May 5, 6, 7. It will be of interest to clubwomen in South Carolina to know that Mrs. Emma Fox, a former Vice-President and Recording Secretary of the General Federation and author of *"Parliamentary Usages for Women's Clubs,"* has accepted the invitation to attend this meeting and will deliver an address on *"Precepts and Practice of Parliamentary Principle"* on Thursday morning. Mrs. McKissick has notified THE KEYSTONE that *"Lunch will be served at place of meeting."* The following is the program:

Tuesday, May 5th, 5 P. M.—Credential Committee will be in session at the Board of Trade Rooms, Beattie Building.
6 P. M.—Executive Board meeting, and meeting of the Board of Directors at Board of Trade Rooms.

9 P. M.—Reception at Mrs. L. W. Parker's residence.
Wednesday, May 6th, 10 A. M.—Convention called to order in the auditorium of the Greenville Female College.
Address of Welcome, Mrs. M. P. Gridley, Greenville.
Response:—Mrs. H. W. Beall, Sumter.
Report of Credential Committee.
Report of Officers.
President's Address:—Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Greenwood.
Report of Department of Art and Handicraft, and Domestic Science and two minute reports of clubs.

1 P. M.—Luncheon.
2 P. M.—Reports of Departments of Education, Forestry and Civics, Kindergarten, Library Extension and Continuation of Club reports.
8:30 P. M.—Fine Art Session in charge of the chairman of Literature and Music.

Thursday, 10 A. M.—Reports of Reciprocity Departments, Civil Service Reform Committee.

Address by Mrs. Emma Fox.
Practical Welfare Work:—Mr. Thomas F. Parker.
Needs of Rural Schools:—Miss Nance.
Continuance of Club reports.

1 P. M.—Luncheon.
2 P. M.—Constitutional Amendments.
New business.
Election of Officers.

6 P. M.—Reception at County Club.

CIVIC DAY March 10, was most satisfactorily celebrated by the Civic Club *Charleston* when at the suggestion of the State Chairman of Reciprocity the club combined the general civic idea with the reciprocity idea and observed the two days in one celebration as an open day and the public invited. A special program was prepared by the president and the State chairman of reciprocity: *"Civic Clubs and Public Opinion"* was ably presented by Mr. T. R. Waring, Editor of The Evening Post, and a staunch friend of the club, *"The Civic Club and the Public School"* was forcibly handled by Mr. W. K. Tate, principal of the Memminger Normal School, and *"Health through Education"* was most practically treated by Dr. F. A. Scratchley, a prominent New York physician who was

spending the winter in Charleston. Several musical numbers were rendered between the addresses. The president, Mrs. Visanska, ably presided at this meeting, telling something of the aims of the Club and introducing the speakers. The public responded heartily to the invitations sent out and the audience was one of the largest ever assembled in the St. John Ball Room.

THE UP TO DATE CLUB of Chester, observed Reciprocity Day in February, by giving special attention to all the departments of the State Federation. The different State chairmen were appealed to in January by letters from members of the Club, asking for a message from their field of work, to help make the meeting of some moment. Every department was represented by a cheerful message except three, and this was due to delayed action of our appointees. The prospectus in the Year Book was read of those departments from which we had no message. We had an inspiring meeting, and committees were formed to co-operate with the chairman, where special call was made.

The South Carolina column in THE KEYSTONE was made a part of the regular order of exercise for each month.

Mrs. L. T. Nichols, chairman of the Library Department presented her cause in person.

Our chairmen deserve great credit, and our hearty co-operation in battling with difficulties that are a test to their perseverance and zeal. Some one has wisely said: Success in any cause is the result of *nine-tenths drudgery*. The moral is: put our shoulders to the wheel, and push, if we wish to make progress.

Mrs. A. G. BRICE.

ENOS MILLS IN CHARLESTON—The Charleston City Federation of Women's Clubs were fortunate in securing Mr. Enos Mills, the United States Forestry agent who delivered an interesting address on *"Our Friends the Trees"* before a large and appreciate audience of representative citizens in the Freundschaftsbund Hall on the evening of March 31st. The City Federation made all local arrangements and besides inviting the public, sent formal invitations to the faculties and student bodies of the various educational institutions, hoping to reach the youth of the State—the future owner of the forests. This was Mr. Mills first and only appearance in South Carolina and the City Federation was gratified to note the cordial reception accorded Mr. Mills by the general public and was especially pleased with the expression of commendation from the planters of nearby rural communities, many expressing the hope that Mr. Mills will return to South Carolina in the near future and arouse a greater interest in the vital question of forestry.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.
(36 Clubs.)

THE LANIER CLUB of Okolona is studying America, the program and reading course being outlined by "The Chautauquan." It has fifteen members and the fortnightly meetings have a social as well as literary feature. The officers for the present year are: President, Mrs. P. Gragnon; Vice-President, Mrs. Mamie Crunk; Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Huggins; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Rosenbaum. The Club has recently become a subscriber to THE KEYSTONE.

THE BEETHOVEN CLUB of Carrollton, numbers some excellent musicians in its membership, and during the past year the club has given several recitals besides presenting a cantata for children and a play. The Club has bought a piano (with the assistance of the U. D. C.), for use in public concerts or their own recitals, and has also helped buy and repair a room to be used for any small town entertainment. At the suggestion of the General Federation a program on Civics and Forestry was arranged and proved an enthusiastic meeting, the result of which will be the planting of trees in the fall and we hope, the cleaning of the streets.

THE WOMANS CULTURE CLUB of Coffeeville has the study of Foreign Countries. Russia and Austria. Quite an interesting social was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Durrant. Music, both vocal and instrumental were indulged in, also games at 42 and 500.

MRS. D. H. GREEN, Secy.

THE COUNCIL DAUGHTERS Confederate Veterans or "D. C. V. Club," of Coffeeville, in January held its usual mid-winter social meeting at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burkhardt's, to which quite a number of their gentlemen friends were invited. A Civic and Forrest program is one of their plans. Music forms a feature of each meeting and their literary work for past two years has been the Bay View course, on History of Russia and Austria. Their Officers are as follows: Mrs. A. W. Burkhardt, President; Mrs. H. W. Durrant, Cor. Secy.; Mrs. D. H. Greene, Rec. Secy.; Miss Minnie Greene, Treasurer.

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President—Miss Margaret Lovell Gibson, Wilmington, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Miss Sallie Simms Kirby, Goldsboro, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Rebecca Cheatham Watkins, Henderson, N. C.
(33 Clubs—1,000 Members.)

THE NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION of Women's Clubs will hold its 6th annual convention in Greensboro, May 5, 6, 7, 1908. The program is as follows:

Tuesday, May 5th, 11 A. M.—Meeting of the Executive Board at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Whitsett.

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.—Opening Session, Carnegie Library.

Invocation: Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson.

Address of Welcome: Mrs. B. C. Sharpe.

Response: Mrs. Eugene Reilly.

Address of President.

The Work of the General Federation: Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Author of Parliamentary Usages for Women's Clubs.

Reports of Officers of Federation.

8:30 P. M.—Reception to Federation by the Greensboro Clubs at the home of Mrs. Edward P. Whorton.

Wednesday, May 6th— at the State Normal and Industrial College.

9:30 A. M.—Presentation of Credentials.

10 A. M.—Report of Credential Committee and Committee on Rules and Regulations.

State Aids to Libraries:—Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, President N. C. Library Association.

Reports of Departments:—Library Extension, Education, Village Improvement, Art, Music, Publication.

1:00 P. M.—Meeting of Board of Directors.

1:30 P. M.—Luncheon.

2:30 P. M.—Reports of Board of Directors. Reports of Departments—State Charities, Reciprocity, Child Study, Home Economics, Literature.

Three minute reports from club Presidents.

4:15 P. M.—Meeting with Students of Normal College.

8:30 P. M.—Lecture—Southern Literature, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of North Carolina.

Thursday, May 7th, 10:00 A. M.—Revision of Constitution, New business, Election of Officers.

1:00 P. M.—Meeting of new Executive Board.

1:30 P. M.—Luncheon at Greensboro Female College.

3:30 P. M.—Drive to Battle Ground.

9:00 P. M.—Reception to Federation by the Merchants' and Manufacturer's Club.

MARGARET L. GIBSON, President.

LIBRARY CONDITIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA are not at all what they should be, and yet they are gratifying. The federation work done has been based upon a policy which must prove a sure foundation for future growth. This policy has been to emphasize the library as an essentially educational factor as distinguished from a recreational institution; to emphasize the fact that it is a necessity and not a luxury, that it must go hand in hand with schools and colleges in such intimate and vital association that neither can do without the other, so that communities will eventually demand the library as necessary to their educational equipment.

The pioneer work was in the creating of a library sentiment that would demand and support a free public library. Unfortunately the public library was not coincident with the public school, which antedated the library movement some twenty-five years. An incredible amount of advance work in preparing the public mind for the new system was necessary. The press, women's clubs, and individual effort were employed to this purpose. In connection with this

must be mentioned the Congress of Women Librarians, held at the Woman's Building of the Cotton States and International Exposition in 1895, which was one of the various Congresses employed to advance educational ideas.

Except the State Library, and the libraries of the schools and colleges, but few public libraries were established before 1899, in North Carolina. A number of subscription libraries were found in a few of the larger cities. The Asheville Library Association, founded in 1879, occupies a handsome building, given by Mr. George Pack, and contains 8,000 volumes. In 1901-1903-1905 the legislature made it possible to have rural libraries, the most important step yet taken in public education. To-day there are more than 1,400 of these libraries, containing 137,536 volumes, accessible to about 120,000 people. The development of the college library, so far as the public is concerned, has been in well equipped buildings. Trinity College at Durham has a \$60,000 building, the University of North Carolina, a \$55,000 building; the State Normal College at Greensboro, a \$20,000 building, and Davidson College, the promise of a similar one. At Durham, in 1897, was established the first public library, followed in 1900 by the Olivia Raney Memorial Library at Raleigh; the Greensboro Public Library in 1902; Carnegie Library in Charlotte in 1903; Libraries in Winston-Salem, Gastonia, Hickory, Wadesboro, in 1906; the Page Memorial Library at Aberdeen in 1907, and the Public Library at McAdenville in January, 1908.

To the Club Women of North Carolina, too much credit can not be given for their policy and their inspiration for preparing the way for the free public libraries to take the place of the old subscription or club libraries. In 1907-8 the Wilmington, Goldsboro, and Newbern libraries became free public libraries through the prompt and unselfish efforts of the Library extension work of the Federation of Women's Clubs. There is hardly a club in the State that is not connected in some way with some form of library work. The State Federation of Women's Clubs collected in 1907 the following statistics:

The Travelling Libraries' Committees have for several years been circulating books and helping where they could in the isolated sections. The Federation has 36 cases averaging 40 books to the case, which are circulated in 25 counties.

At the last Annual Meeting, May, 1907, the Federation pledged its support in securing such legislation as will make possible a library commission. The future of the library development in the South lies in the establishment of the State commission to dispense State aid. At the recent session the legislature granted charters to High Point and Statesville for Carnegie gifts. Charlotte has the only public library for the negro. It is supported by the City, and receives an annual appropriation of \$400.00. It was opened in July, 1906, and has 600 volumes.

The North Carolina Library Association was organized in 1904, has held three annual meetings and has a membership of seventy-six. Their strictly library following is small, so they call on all allied interests, the most natural allies being the club women and the educational in-

stitutions. Much good may come through the consolidating of library interests in the State.

This paper, incomplete though it is, will open the eyes of some as to what is being done, and will serve to encourage isolated workers in this showing of cumulative effort in the initiation development of library work in the State.

S. WEIL,

State Chairman Library Extension.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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President—Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, Daytona.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Milo McNeal, Ormond.

(25 Clubs—1,100 Members.)

THE BOARD of Directors of Florida Federation of Women's Clubs met at the call of the President on April 11th, at the Woman's Club House, in Jacksonville, Florida. Five members only were present, viz.: Mrs. Chas. H. Raynor, Mrs. E. G. G. Munsell, Mrs. A. G. Cummer, Miss Crosby and Dr. Reichards. The special business was planning the arrangements for annual convention, which by the Federation Constitution is appointed to be held in November. A most courteous invitation having been extended by the Woman's Club of Live Oak, to the Federation to meet with them in November, it was formally accepted by the Board, the dates set to be the 18th, 19th, and 20th of November. The work of the Federation having so increased that it was thought best to fix a three days session in order that the work for a following year might be intelligently discussed by the body at time of convention. The Program Committee appointed by the Board were: Mrs. Chas. H. Raynor, Mrs. Arthur G. Cummer, Mrs. Humphrey (newly elected) President, Live Oak Woman's Club. Mrs. Humphrey was also appointed chairman of local committee of arrangements.

Plans were discussed for vigorous prosecution of educational work, and after a protracted session, Board adjourned, subject to call.

CLARA W. RAYNOR,

Pres. F. F. of Woman's Club.

THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.—Ormond is enjoying a delightful winter's work each session having a different topic. New England Day was observed by tableaux, recitations and songs. History of Ormond and early days on the Halifax was one program. On Charter Day, the charter, the constitution and history of the Ormond Village Improvement Association were read closing with a book shower for the benefit of the library. A day with the Poets; Household Economics day, with practical demonstrations in cooking; Arbor Day and Forestry, with recitations and songs by the school children and the planting of a tree in memory of a number gone before. There will be a musicale, a Flag-Day, Literary Day, Bird Day, Civics and a Miscellaneous Day will complete this most interesting year's program.

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MRS. A. G. BRICE,

President Up-to-Date Club, Chester, S. C.

Feb. 25, 1908.

THE HOUSEKEEPERS' CLUB of Cocoanut Grove requests THE KEYSTONE to print their officers as follows: President, Mrs. Kirk Monroe, 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Walter Walden; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Rodman Smith; Secretary, Mrs. Ralph M. Munroe; Treasurer, Mrs. T. W. Mather; Federation Secretary, Mrs. R. S. V. Carpenter. THE KEYSTONE is a great help more ways than one.

MRS. KIRK MONROE.

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Address all communications for Virginia to Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg, Va., Corresponding Secretary Virginia F. W. C., Manager.

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Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. S. Leadbeater, Alexandria.
(10 Clubs—683 Members.)

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Virginia Federation will be at Bedford City, the Convention being the guest of the Bedford Library Association. Mrs. Emma Fox has been invited to address the Convention in public session one evening and to give short parliamentary drills at other meetings. The following is the program:

Tuesday, May 12.

4:30 P. M. Meeting of the Executive Board.

8:30 P. M. Reception to visiting members of the Convention by Bedford Library Association at the residence of Mrs. R. B. Claytor.

Wednesday Morning, May 13.

10 A. M. Formal opening of the Second Annual Convention of the Virginia Federation of Women's Club.

Address of Welcome: Mrs. Walter Ruan, President Bedford Library Association.

Response: Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Civic Betterment Club.

Greetings from Organizations.

Report of Credential Committee.

Address by the State President, Mrs. J. R. Kyle.

Reports of Officers.

Reports of Clubs.

Wednesday Afternoon.

3:30 Committee Meetings.

4. Reports of Clubs (continued).

Thursday, 9:30 A. M.

Reports of Standing Committees, and discussions.

Reports from General Federation Secretaries for Virginia, Miss Lucy L. Davis.

Miscellaneous Business.

Election of Officers.

Thursday, 9:30 A. M.

3:30 Meeting of Board of Directors.

5:30 Reception by the Thursday Club of Bedford at the home of Mrs. C. C. Rucker.

FEDERATION HAS BEEN the all-absorbing topic in Virginia clubs for some weeks owing to the nearness of the second annual meeting of the State Federation and to the consideration of the advisability of that organization applying for membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Most of the clubs in the State Federation have expressed themselves as favoring affiliation with the General Federation. This question will be an important one for discussion at the Convention in Bedford City in May. The Lynchburg Woman's Club and the Van Dyke League have joined the General Federation as individual clubs because they believe that practical help and inspiration will come from this contact that will be theirs.

IT IS PLEASANT to introduce to the Virginia Federation two new clubs—the Graduate and Registered Nurses' Association of Lynchburg and the Beverly Manor Woman's Club. Miss C. C. Mosby, 1622 Grace Street, Lynchburg,

and Mrs. W. W. King, Kalarama, Staunton, Virginia are the presidents of the two organizations. The Beverly Manor School Improvement League which has done excellent work in Augusta County has recently reorganized and enlarged its scope by becoming a woman's club, whose efforts will continue to be mainly along educational lines.

THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE, to facilitate the execution of its request that individual members of clubs write to our Congressmen and to the members of the Committee of Agriculture, urging them to secure the passage of the Appalachian-White Mountain Forest bill distributed among the various clubs a thousand letters to which only the signatures had to be affixed. Most of the clubs have reported energetic effort to carry out the requests made by the Forestry Committee in behalf of this important bill. Boards of trade, lumbermen, civic leagues, alumni associations and prominent citizens have gladly responded to requests to write to Washington, and the newspapers have been hearty in their approval of the bill.

Through the interest and courtesy of Mrs. Peterson, Chairman Forestry Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mr. Enos Mills, of the Forestry Department at Washington, lectured most instructively and delightfully before clubs in Danville, Lynchburg and Roanoke.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE OF BEDFORD CITY, started through the efforts of the Library Association will have a grand rally on the evening of May 14, on which occasion some of the members of the Virginia Federation will make short addresses.

ELIZABETH GISH.

"Under the Crust"—by Thomas Nelson Page is an interesting collection of short stories, the first written by Mr. Page about men and women from other countries than the South. There are seven stories, the scene of each being in a different place, ranging from Maine to Mexico, across to Nice, and again in New England and Maryland, each is simply and entertainingly told and each has a charm of its own with a real human touch. The one act play "The Hostage," is a clever piece of dramatic art and shows the versatility of the author. The book is attractively bound and the several illustrations add to the reader's interest.

(Cloth, \$1.50. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York City.)

"When the Bugle Called"—by Edith Tatum is a fascinating story of the days of 61-65. In this little volume the author shows the real spirit of those troublous days in the South and gives us real Confederate girls, always charming and romantic, yet capable of great sacrifice and true patriotism. The plantation life and the devotion of the negroes in those days are well brought out. The book is only 132 pages and can be easily read in a sitting. Mrs. Tatum is a brilliant club woman of Greenville, Ala., who came of South Carolina ancestry, and whose father was a captain in the Confederate army. This is her first story of any length but she is now engaged upon a novel on the South of to-day. Southern women welcome Mrs. Tatum into the field of literature and look forward with great expectations to her forthcoming novel.

(Cloth, \$1.25. The Neale Publishing Co., New York City.)

"Somchow Good"—by William DeMorgan, author of "Alice for Short" sustains the well earned popularity of this great genius. Here we have a real novel, every page of which is interesting, the characters are real people, and the incidents are told as real happenings. While the situations seem very simple the developments are very intricate and the motives are very complicated, showing the master-hand in their solution. Each chapter has humor and pathos, and there is plenty of romance and adventure, while mystery and uncertainty add to the reader's interest, and make him anxious to read every line. This is not a book to be skimmed, as every page has something of real interest. Although written only a year and a half after "Alice for Short," it shows no sign of overproducing but is equally as well worked out and is bound to prove a success.

(Cloth, \$1.75. Henry Holt & Co., New York City.)

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Avenue, Denver, Col.

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[*The Federation Bulletin*, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs" each month advance sheets of the official General Federation News, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for May.

THE PRESIDENT'S MAIL—Opening June 22, at 8 P. M., with the concert by the orchestra in beautiful Symphony Hall! The first convention of the General Federation ever held in the East since the very small beginnings of the organization!

How we long for the presence of those faithful early workers on this return, when we come like children to the mother! We shall bring rich trophies of work accomplished, we shall tell tales without number of successes and failures, we shall speak of grand projects for the future.

It is the aim of the Program Committee for this Convention not to present abstract themes, not to hear elocutionary arguments, but to give clear reports of work already done and specific statements of work yet to be accomplished. There will be some men upon the program, and many women, there will be music and excursions and social affairs. The Biennial is not for the display of fine attire, it is not to exploit people. It is the coming together of earnest women from North, South, East, and West, who for one week at least forget local and sectional desires in the mightiest problems which concern the physical, intellectual and spiritual welfare of the nation to be.

May the attendance be larger than ever before, may there be great progress made in fellowship and friendship, may there be much happiness and no sighing, may courage and faith be stimulated, and may there go out from this Biennial a pulse which shall send the life-blood of unselfish service—of the law that "upon whom much is bestowed, much is required,"—into the hearts and lives of the women of America!

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

PLANS FOR THE BIENNIAL—The Program Committee of the General Federation, Mrs. Pennybacker of Texas, and Mrs. Ward of Massachusetts, have been coping with unusually difficult problems in adjusting a program which shall not only present on the six working days of the Convention all the varied interests of the twelve departments of the Federation, but shall also provide for duplicate and overflow meetings to accommodate the great number of club women who will be in attendance. While it is not possible at this time to give the names of the distinguished speakers who will appear on the program, the general plan of the meetings has been decided, and with as little change as possible it will adhere to the following outline.

The Board of Directors will meet Monday morning, June 22, and the Credential Committee will be in session. A concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on Monday evening will voice the welcome of the Local Biennial Board and the Massachusetts State Federation. Tuesday morning the Council will meet, a Harbor Excursion will occupy the

afternoon, and the Convention will formerly open Tuesday evening, with addresses of welcome by the Governor of Massachusetts, the Mayor of Boston, and others. Wednesday morning there will be a business meeting, with reports from the President and other officers. Wednesday afternoon four conferences will be held, on Pure Food, Art, Civics, and the Bureau of Information.

Thursday morning there will be a business session of half an hour, followed by short sessions on Literature, Art, Civics, and Pure Food. In the afternoon a reception will be given at the State House by Governor and Mrs. Curtis Guild, Jr., and receptions will be given at several private houses.

Friday, June 26, is the Play Day, to be spent in Rhode Island by invitation of the Rhode Island State Federation. A sail down Narragansett Bay, a visit to Newport, and a Rhode Island Clam-bake are among the attractions. In the evening the meeting will be devoted to Forestry, and Mr. Enos Mills will be one of the speakers. Saturday morning a session on Household Economics and Education will be held. In the afternoon a duplicate meeting will be held in Symphony Hall, devoted to Household Economics and Civics. The afternoon conferences will be on Literature and Forestry. There will also be a conference of State Presidents and Federation Secretaries. On Sunday, June 28, at 4 P. M., there will be an organ recital and vesper service in Symphony Hall.

Monday morning, June 29, the Nominating Committee will report, and the Library Extension Committee, the Industrial and Legislative Committee, will hold their session. A duplicate meeting will be held at 3 P. M., presenting the same speakers. Conferences on Education and Household Economics will be held in the afternoon. The election of officers by Australian ballot will occur on Monday. On Tuesday morning the result of the election will be announced, the Forestry, the Outlook, and the inter-federation Committees will report, and also the Committee on Resolutions. In the afternoon there will be a duplicate meeting, devoted to the Art and Pure Food Committees.

The conferences on Tuesday afternoon will be on Civil Service Reform, Industrial Conditions, Legislative Work, and Library Extension. Tuesday evening, June 30, the Convention will close.

The morning sessions will all be held in Symphony Hall, and so far as possible will be duplicated in the afternoon in the same hall, thus doubling the number of club women who can benefit by the addresses. There will be a session every evening in Symphony Hall, which will be exceptionally brilliant, and in several cases an overflow meeting will be held in Chickering Hall. Delegates and alternates will be admitted by their badges to the morning and evening sessions and to the conferences. They will not be admitted to the duplicate and overflow meetings. All other admissions will be by ticket only. Any member of a Federated Club is welcome, but in order to secure admission to the meetings, application must be made in advance. Presidents of Clubs and State Federations are asked to send *immediately* to the Chairman of the Ticket Committee, Mrs. Henry D. Forbes, 96 Elm Hill Avenue, Roxbury, Mass., a vouched-for list

of members (other than delegates and alternates) who wish to attend the convention.

The Local Biennial Board, appointed eighteen months ago by the Massachusetts State Federation to prepare for the entertainment of the Ninth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has worked diligently and harmoniously under the able leadership of its Chairman, Miss Bacon of Worcester, and, with 2,000 enthusiastic club women now enrolled on the numerous committees; it sees its far-reaching plans maturing satisfactorily. A Press Bulletin is about to be sent out, giving information from all committees.

A COMMITTEE ON CONVENIENCES has arranged for banking facilities for visiting club women at its Federation Headquarters in Symphony Hall. The Old Colony Trust Company of Boston will cash drafts on New York or Boston, and cashier's checks of reasonable amount at a special office at Headquarters. Arrangements have also been made with the postal authorities for a sub-station at Symphony Hall during Biennial week, and all club women should have their mail addressed to Symphony Hall, Boston, Mass. Physicians and nurses will be in attendance in the rest room during the hours of the Convention.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS—Owing to the fact that the week of the Biennial Convention is also the week of Commencement at Harvard and other New England Colleges, it will be necessary for delegates to engage accommodations as early as possible. All applications should be sent to the chairman of Hotel Committee, Mrs. Anna L. Bailey, 13 Richardson St., Newton, Mass. This Committee has a large list of good hotels, with prices varying from \$1-\$5.00 per day on the European plan, all within walking distance of Symphony Hall, and all reached by several lines of cars. The Hotel Vendome, the Headquarters Hotel has already reached the limit of its capacity, so club women are urged to make arrangements with Mrs. Bailey at once. Lodgings at cheaper rates may be secured by addressing Room Registry, 264 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

The National Hibernian is a literary monthly journal published by and devoted to the interests of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Each number contains valuable articles on the history and literature of Ireland, and many practical pleas for keeping the Irishman transplanted in America in touch with the great traditions of his inheritance. In connection with the great Irish revival, the Irish Americans are organizing rapidly, in many communities Gaelic is taught in schools, and many efforts are put forth to preserve Irish individuality in its highest type. Those interested in any way in this wonderful and unfortunate nation will find much to entertain them in this journal published in Washington, D. C. Subscription \$1.00 per year.

THE April number of the *Woman's Home Companion* contains several notable articles. Kellogg Durland contributes his second article on "Women of the Russian Revolt;" Jane Addams writes a thoughtful and appealing article on "The Working Woman and the Ballot;" Dr. Edward Everett Hale gives a helpful talk on "The Meaning of Home," and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps continues her serial story, "Though Life Us Do Part."

There are many superstitions in connection with Easter, and each country has a custom of celebrating it peculiar to itself.

With the Jews, says the April *Delincator*, the egg became a type of their rescue from the land of bondage, and in their Feast of the Passover, eggs occupied a conspicuous place in the services. It was their connection with the latter that finally caused them to be used by Christians the world over in celebrating Easter—the egg of resurrection into a new life, bringing a message of life from death, as it were.

RECIPROCITY BUREAU

[All programs and papers received by this bureau are acknowledged in this department monthly. These programs and papers are intended for exchange among clubs, and may be secured upon application to "The Keystone," when accompanied by return postage.]

The Italian Renaissance.—The Century Club, Charleston, S. C., 1906-1907.

English Poetry in the Nineteenth Century.—The Century Club, Charleston, S. C., 1907-1908.

Shakespeare—Maids and Matrons, Blacksburg, S. C., 1907-1908.

Art.—Over The Teacups, Rock Hill, S. C., 1907-1908.

Mississippi.—A poem by Julia Hone Harmon, Crescite Club, McComb, Miss.

List of Prizes offered by Lynchburg business men through the Education Committee of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs to the public school pupils of Campbell County.

Year Book and report of The Woman's Club, Richmond, Va., 1908.

A Year in South America.—The Ladies Reading Club, Houston, Texas, 1907-1908.

The Child Garden.—Beautifully illustrated, Eagle and Phenix, Mills, Columbus, Ga.

Program of the Memorial Chapter U. D. C., Little Rock, Arkansas, 1907-1908. A fine suggestive program for any U. D. C. Chapter.

Good Citizenship, a sermon, by Rev. N. M. Hall.

Topical Study of Domestic Science.—Domestic Art by Mrs. Margaret J. Blair, G. F. W. C. Committee.

What can science, invention and philanthropy to to prevent the disease and suffering caused by overcrowding in our large cities, by Harriette C. Keattinge, M. D., an address delivered before The Woman's Health Protective Association of New York City.

A way to secure government aid in extending the Craft Movement, by Helen R. Albee.

The Critical Period of American History, a paper sent by The Woman's Club of Newberry, S. C.

Home Life of Tennyson, a paper by Mrs. M. J. Jamison, Greenwood, S. C.

Household Economics, a paper sent by The Woman's Club, Newberry, S. C.

The National and Ethical Relations of Longfellow, a paper by Miss T. L. Bythewood, The Thursday Club, Greenville, S. C.

The Pageant at Bury St. Edmunds, a paper by Miss Annie Colcock, The Century Club, Charleston, S. C.

Virginia's Debt to Pocahontas, a paper by Mrs. Alice Dial, Laurens, S. C.

Women in Music, a paper by Mrs. Lamar Ferguson, Ridgeway, S. C.

TEXAS HERO STORIES, a collection of stories concerning Texas heroes intended as a supplementary reader for graded schools, has recently been issued by Miss Katie Daffan, President, Texas Division, U. D. C.

Miss Daffan, as an experienced educator, a prominent U. D. C. and Clubwoman, is well equipped to present this subject in an attractive and instructive form for young readers and her new book is destined to meet with deserved success.

The last number of THE KEYSTONE is worth the subscription.
Houston, Texas.

Mrs. I. M. E. Blanding.

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(60 Chapters—2,400 Members.)

THE DAVIS CENTENNIAL: Chapters are reminded that June 3rd, 1908, is the centennial of Jefferson Davis' birth. Mrs. Stone, the president general U. D. C. has issued an appeal in regard to this matter (see U. D. C. Notes, this issue KEYSTONE p. —) which all Chapters in South Carolina are requested to comply with.

MRS. R. D. WRIGHT, President,
S. C. Division, U. D. C.

CHAPTERS at Marion, Edgefield, Florence and Newberry are making interesting plans for the celebration of Memorial Day.

THE SHILOH MONUMENT FUND in South Carolina is growing. The following chapters made pledges for this fund at Chester: Winthrop College; Rock Hill Chapter; Kingstree; Greenville; R. E. Lee, Anderson; Newberry; Florence; Marion; Pickens; Palmetto, Anderson, Columbia and Charleston Chapters. These chapters are requested to send their contributions in to the S. C. Director for Shiloh as soon as convenient.

Contributions for Shiloh Monument received in April were: Abbeville Chapter, Abbeville, \$5; Ellison Capers Chapter, Florence, \$5; Greenville Chapter, Greenville, \$5.

Chapters not having already contributed *something* in 1908 to this General U. D. C. work and thus helping to increase South Carolina's Fund, commensurate with her position in all Confederate work are urged to take this matter under consideration and make a contribution however small before the close of the U. D. C. year in November.

"*Confederate Banners*," a brief and authentic history of the Confederate Flags by Miss M. L. Conrad of Virginia is being sold for the South Carolina Division's Shiloh Fund, price 25 cents. This little booklet should be in the possession of every chapter in South Carolina, address all orders to

MISS MARY B. POPPENHEIM,

S. C. Director for Shiloh, Charleston, S. C.

THE EDGEFIELD CHAPTER has contributed \$11.50 to the Abner Perrin Monument and are arranging to enclose with a granite coping a lot in their cemetery where some Confederate soldiers are buried and will erect a marble shaft on the spot. This chapter organized with ten members in August, 1906, now numbers forty-five. At their meetings they practice Confederate songs to be able to use them on days of celebration.

ARLINGTON MONUMENT: The South Carolina director for Arlington Monument, Mrs. F. M. Keitt and the chairman of the State Committee, Mrs. Sharpe, are working diligently to arouse interest in their department. They

have sent a letter to every chapter president relative to the Arlington Monument work and it is hoped that chapters well respond to these requests.

HISTORY PROGRAM FOR MAY: Blockade of Charleston Harbor, May 11, 1861.

(a) Note plan of Enemy.

English neutrality decided on May 13, 1861.

(1) Note attitude of foreign nations toward the Confederate Government.

(2) Give details of the "Mason and Slidell Affair."

(3) Discuss the principle involved in the "Alabama Question."

Historical Committee S. C. Division, U. D. C.

TRIBUTE to the memory of MRS. T. C. HICKS, BY LANCASTER CHAPTER U. D. C.

Whereas, The Lancaster Chapter has sustained a great loss in the "passing away" of Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Hicks, one of its most loved and faithful members, and that we, as a Chapter, bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father "who doeth all things well." Resolved,

First, That she will be greatly missed in the meetings, and we sorrow to think she will never again respond to the roll call, but are comforted with the thought that she has answered the call in "God's Paradise" above.

Second, That she was untiring in her efforts to do all she could in "Our Confederate Cause," and her zeal and great-heartedness was an inspiration in Chapter Work.

Third, That we extend to the grief stricken husband, children, brothers and sisters our deepest sympathy, and that they may have the sweet assurance "it is well" with their loved one.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and that a page in Minute Book be inscribed to her memory and that they be published in Lancaster News and the Keystone.

MISS ANNIE E. WITHERSPOON,
MRS. M. R. MCCARDELL,
MRS. T. S. CARTER,

Committee.

AS PRESIDENT of the South Carolina Division U. D. C. in 1907 it gives me pleasure to call attention to the fact that the Marlboro Chapter U. D. C., Bennettsville, S. C., unveiled their Confederate Monument in July, 1907, making the fourth chapter monument unveiled in South Carolina during 1907. The reason this monument was not reported in the Division President's report at the Norfolk or Chester conventions is due to the fact that this chapter did not answer the President's request for data regarding their year's work to be incorporated in her Norfolk and Chester reports. Forty-five chapters answered this request and those reports were compiled from these answers as stated in each report. This note is made by request of the Bennettsville chapter president who has just received the Chester minutes. Division officers are always glad to receive reports of any chapter work and the best way for a chapter to secure credit for its local work is to *always* respond to requests from division officers.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM.

The 1907 Booklet of the Dixie Chapter, Anderson, has been received by THE KEYSTONE, and, being a valuable collection of material, treating of local history, has been filed in the Reciprocity Bureau of THE KEYSTONE, where it will be ready for circulation among chapters whenever desired. This booklet contains several charming poems by "Kil Courtland," such as "Carolina," "Hampton," "Charleston," "Southern Poets," "In Memoriam—Mrs. Jefferson Davis." The historical sketches on John C. Calhoun's position in American history, by Cora H. Maudlin; "Wade Hampton, the Soldier," by Jennie M. Young, and "General Robert Anderson," by Mary M. Miller, are well prepared articles and suitable in length to be read at any chapter's historical meetings. The exchange of historical papers among chapters would encourage the continuance of historical exercises at special or regular chapter meetings.

I also inclose check for my subscription to THE KEYSTONE. I have found the little periodical invaluable in U. D. C. work; it is so helpful to know what the sister Divisions are doing aside from the club work.

MRS. GORDON M. FINGER,

Cor. Sec. North Carolina Division, U. D. C.

Charlotte, N. C., March 2, 1908.

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(106 Chapters—5,050 Members.)

OUR PRESIDENT and Secretary have done considerable work toward arousing interest in naming the public schools for our heroes. The division hopes the time will soon be when this idea can come to a full realization.

THE GOOD PEOPLE of Mecklenburg have at last had the pleasure of seeing their monument completed. The unveiling will be in May and plans are being made for it to be a great occasion.

QUITE AN ELEGANT and certainly a charming reception was given at Lee Camp Hall, Richmond, in March, under the auspices of Mrs. D. T. Williams for the Arlington Monument.

THE GENERAL DABNEY N. MAURY CHAPTER in Philadelphia is one of our "up and doing" members. They are only forty some members but never fail to take up enthusiastically any appeal made them as Daughters.

The first week in April, Miss Kitty Chatham gave a song recital under their auspices in the ball room of the Bellevue Stratford. Among other Virginians in the boxes was Mrs. Swanson, herself an ardent U. D. C., and at the time guest of Mrs. Henry Bohmer.

N. C. PRESTON.

WARREN'S RIFLES CHAPTER, U. D. C., Front Royal, send the following resolutions of respect to THE KEYSTONE.

Whereas, it hath been God's will to remove from us our beloved sister, Mrs. Mary C. Fletcher, who died suddenly on March 22nd, 1908. Therefore be it resolved,

1st. That the members of the Warren's Rifles Chapter U. D. C., extend to the bereaved family our great sympathy.

2nd. That while the Chapter has been benefited by the past services and by the rich memory of her faithfulness, we suffer the loss of a most useful member.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be published, that the same be spread upon the minutes of this Chapter, and be published in the official organ of the Va. Division, U. D. C. THE KEYSTONE, and that a copy be mailed to the mourning family.

also:

Whereas, it hath pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take from our midst our beloved friend, counselor, and sister, Mrs. Lydie Richards Buck, who died on March 25th, 1908. Therefore be it Resolved,

That the members of Warren Rifles Chapter U. D. C., desire to give expression of their deep sympathy for the bereaved family, and to record the feelings of great loss which the Chapter has sustained in the death of so good a friend and sympathizer. This Chapter bows in humble submission to the Will of an all-wise Providence, believing that "He doeth all things well."

1st. We extend to the bereaved family our great sympathy.

2nd. We mourn the loss of a good noble counsellor and friend.

3rd. We direct that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, be spread on the minutes of the Chapter, and be published in the County paper and in the official organ of the Va. Division, U. D. C., THE KEYSTONE.

MRS. C. W. FORSYTHE,

MRS. R. W. BURTSFIELD.

THE MINUTES of the Norfolk Convention, Virginia Division, Nov. 6-9, 1907, have been issued the past month. This is a neat gray pamphlet of 107 pages, containing the rosters of officers of the Division and the chapters in the Virginia Division, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Division, a list of chapters with date of organization and

number of members, reports of all officers and standing committees and chapter reports—besides the full minutes of the Norfolk meeting. A well arranged index completes the usefulness of this pamphlet. It should be read by every individual U. D. C. in Virginia, and Division Presidents in other states could secure useful hints from it for their Division work.

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(75 Chapters—2,800 Members.)

I am sorry to report nothing from any Chapter except the Johnston Pettigrew this month. The others seem not to understand that they are expected to report to me every month. Please repeat this and ask them to send me a postal card if no more, *as soon as they see this notice.*

All who see THE KEYSTONE are enthusiastic in its praise, I hear this from many sources; but they do not realize that it depends upon *them* to continue and extend its efficiency. The Johnston Pettigrew Chapter held a very interesting meeting at the Soldiers' Home, March 11th. The members present were shown around the different departments at the Home by the Matron, Mrs. R. H. Brooks, who deserves unstinted praise for her efficient management in the institution; as does her husband, Captain Brooks, a veteran himself, and, up to a late period, when his health has been very bad, has been most active and zealous in his duties as superintendent, cultivating the farm connected with the Home, and thereby assisting materially in the support of the veterans.

During the meeting it was decided to have an entertainment for the benefit of the Henry A. Wyatt Fund. There will be the usual observance of Memorial Day. Coming on Sunday there will be services held and an address by Rev. Mr. Osborne of Charlotte. The dinner for the veterans will be served on the next day. An interesting incident is the return recently, of an old North Carolina Veteran from Missouri where he has been living for some years, to his native State with his aged and infirm wife, hoping to be cared for at the Home. The conditions and regulations there do not permit this, but as soon as the facts were published abroad, offers came from many individuals and from chapters of U. D. C. in N. C., offering to assist in the support of this aged couple; so provision will be made for them here.

THE HISTORIAN of our Division is making renewed appeals to us to get reports from veterans of their personal experience during the War of 1861-'65, as valuable aids to the future recorder of events during that period.

THERE IS a little pamphlet published in Raleigh, N. C., entitled "The Trial and Death of Capt. Henry A. Wirtz," being a history of the judicial murder of that most faithful and unfortunate soldier of the Confederacy who, six months after the close of the War, in time of peace, was arrested, tried by Court-Martial and hanged on the charge of conspiring with Jefferson Davis, Howell Cobb and other prominent leaders of the Confederacy, to torture and murder the

Union prisoners under his care. * * * Capt. Wirtz was offered life and liberty if he would implicate President Davis in the alleged atrocities at Andersonville; as the charge was false he preferred death, and died pleading that his name might be rescued from infamy. We, the U. D. C., owe it as a sacred duty to him, to the Confederate leaders indicted with him—to the South and to posterity, to make every effort to dispel the cloud which has so long rested on the memory of the martyred Wirtz. This pamphlet can be had for 30 cts., or fifty copies at 20cts each. Address "The Trial and Death of Henry Wirtz": Box 562, Raleigh, N. C.

I hope our chapters will be aroused to the necessity of sending me some records for next month; but I suppose that they are so busy *doing* their work that they can't take time to tell other people about it—as if history could be "made" without "records." Whether consciously or not they are keeping up their reputation as North Carolinians.

I appreciate very much your faithful rendering of my full article last month, as I almost expected it would have to be "cut".

Wishing you abundant success in your work for the women of the South and that they may come to appreciate it as it deserves,

Most cordially yours,

HELEN DEB. WILLS.

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TO THE DIVISIONS AND CHAPTERS OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY:

You are again reminded of the near approach of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of our beloved Chieftain, Jefferson Davis, the one and only President of the Confederate States; and it is urged that each chapter will celebrate June the third, in such manner, as to make it a memorable occasion to every citizen of your County and State. Let your program for that day speak in loving memory of his unblemished character, his upright life and his great unselfish service. Do all in your power to promote in the schools, public and private, and in your chapter meetings, a close study of the public and religious life of Mr. Davis, as shown in the "Memoirs" of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, and learn of his patience, fortitude and suffering from the "Prison Life of Jefferson Davis," by Dr. J. J. Craven. "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government," by Jefferson Davis will give you the true history of that time, and will tell of the great service of the men whose memory we honor and cherish.

Division Presidents are requested to urge upon the chapters under their administration, the proper observance of these provisions, and to notify the chairman of their committees on Chapter extension, that to all chapters organized

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"The greatest woman speaker of our times," Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of the Member of Parliament for Blackburn, leader of English women, comes to the United States for a short lecture tour this Fall. Sometime ago, Dr. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, formerly of the great Pembroke Chapel, Liverpool, called Mrs. Snowden, in the British Weekly, "the greatest woman speaker since Frances Willard." This is now the generally accepted opinion in England. The London Daily news says, "Mrs. Snowden is a brilliant young orator." The London Tribune calls her "an eloquent speaker." The Liverpool Post says, "Mrs. Philip Snowden has attained to the front rank of speakers with unexampled rapidity."

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As a deed of commemoration and education, chapters are requested to place pictures of Jefferson Davis in the public and private schools during this year. The presentation should be accompanied by such fitting ceremony as will impress the students of the schools with the greatness and grandeur of the name you seek to honor. Again, I ask your loyal support and co-operation in the work of the General Association, that, for the sake of our dear cause, the year shall be fruitful of results. More than ever is your support needed with strong, earnest hearts and willing hands, for, overwhelmed by a great sorrow, groping dimly for the light, I ask your loyal aid in the great purposes of our organization.

For the loving sympathy extended, may God bless you.

CORNELIA BRANCH STONE.

The presentation of the gavel mentioned in the above refers to the generous offer made by the Mississippi Division U. D. C., and accepted at the Norfolk Convention, November, 1907.

THE U. D. C. offer their tenderest sympathy to their President general, Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone in her bereavement in the death of her only child Dr. Harry Branch Stone, who passed away suddenly of pneumonia in New York before his mother could reach his bed side. He was laid to rest in the family burying ground at Liberty, Texas.

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MRS. M. B. PILCHER, president of the Tennessee Division U. D. C., has just made a most pleasing announcement, and one which will arouse much interest over that State, especially in school and U. D. C. circles. She offers a medal for the best essay on the life and character of Jefferson Davis, the contest to be open to all school pupils, the age limit being 17 years. The hundredth anniversary of Mr. Davis' birth, June 3, 1908, has been selected as the date for the presentation of this medal.

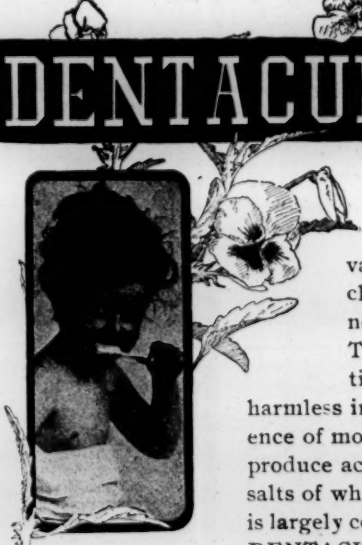
ALABAMA: The U. D. C. in Alabama have been called upon to mourn the death of one of their most prominent and efficient ex-presidents, Mrs. Frank S. Wood of Troy, Ala. Mrs. Wood passed away suddenly on March 25th while seated at her piano in her beautiful home in Troy. A woman of high ideals, good judgment, gentle and refined she had hosts of friends among the U. D. C. in every Southern State who have sustained a personal loss in this call from their midst of one who, in the prime of a capable and well rounded womanhood gave promise of many happy and useful years of life. But the Master willed otherwise. The sympathy of this large circle of friends goes out to Mr. Wood in this great bereavement.

LOUISIANA: The Beauregard Monument Committee of New Orleans Chapter, No. 72. (Through its chairman, Mrs. D. A. S. Vaught), is requesting the interest of each member of the Louisiana Legislature in behalf of a measure to secure an appropriation of not less than five thousand dollars from the State of Louisiana for the purpose of erecting a monument to Louisiana's distinguished son Genl. P. G. T. Beauregard, citing as a precedent for such a request the fact that both South Carolina and Georgia have made generous appropriations for State Monu-

ments to Generals Hampton and J. B. Gordon. The Beauregard Monument Association has already in hand ten thousand dollars and a state appropriation of five thousand added to this sum would secure a suitable memorial to this great soldier in New Orleans. The appeal of the chapter committee is endorsed by the President of the Chapter, Mrs. P. J. Fredericks; the La. Division, U. D. C. President, Miss Mattie B. McGrath; the Commander La. Division U. C. V. Gen. T. W. Castleman and the President Beauregard Monument Association, Col. J. A. Chal-aron.

"South Carolina Women in the Confederacy"—Vol II collected and edited by the special committee of the South Carolina Division U. D. C. (Mrs. James Conner, Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Mrs. August Kohn, Miss Martha Washington, Mrs. Berwick Legare), has just been published and all who own Vol. I should immediately secure a copy of the new volume as the edition is limited to 1,000 copies, one-third of which were sold before the book left the presses. The new volume contains a continuation of the extracts from the *Charleston Mercury* '61-'65 in regard to the women of South Carolina, and a number of very valuable and interesting articles contributed from various section of the State, showing work in Soldier's Relief Association, Hospital Aid Associations and a number of personal reminiscences. The preface written by the Rev. Dr. John Johnson, Charleston, S. C., the author of the "*Defence of Charleston Harbor*," is a beautiful tribute to the women of the Confederacy and is a literary gem, showing Dr. Johnson's dignified and lucid style at its best. This book contains 14 quaint portraits characteristic of those times, and an illustration of the Confederate Treasury at Anderson, S. C. The volume is beautifully and most carefully indexed by the Rev. E. E. Hollingworth, who did this difficult work as a labor of love, showing his devotion to the Cause. Volume II is bound in red and gold similar to Vol. I and has 243 pages. These two volumes reflect great credit on the historical work of the S. C. Division U. D. C., and while the work has been a difficult task these records as preserved in these volumes are priceless treasures to future generations and are valuable contributions to the history of the South from '61-'65.

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"*Educational Statesmanship in the South*"—by C. Alphonso Smith, Ph. D. LL. D., dean of the graduate department in the University of North Carolina, is an extremely interesting and valuable pamphlet on this vital subject. Dr. Smith is an experienced educator and a representative Southern man, so his opinions are worth listening to. He presents the subjects in a simple, straightforward manner and shows how the public school system has changed conditions in the South, giving her a larger field from which to draw her leaders. Dr. Smith has also contributed one of the articles in "*How to Study Shakespeare*," issued by the New York University Society, 1907 and it is gratifying to see his chapter "*Why Young Men Should Study Shakespeare*," along with chapters from Hamilton Wright Mabie, Henry Van Dyke, Lyman Abbott, Edward Everett Hale, Nicholas Murray Butler. Another interesting pamphlet prepared by Dr. Smith is a technical treatise on "*The Indicative in an unreal Condition*" which shows much careful study and research in English literature. The Club women of North Carolina are to have the pleasure of an address from Dr. Smith on *Southern Literature*, when they will have an opportunity of hearing this gifted orator, and brilliant literary genius.

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